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1. The Zentrales Entwicklungs- und Konstruktionsbuero (Central Development and Design Office) (ZEK) in Berlin-Koepenick, received orders to complete and submit by 28 February 1955 designs for an 8,000 - hp passenger ship for the USSR. The design office of the Mathias Thesenwerft in Wismar transferred some design work to the ZEK to help expedite the work. The office of the Wismar shipyard was not working at full capacity at the time and was waiting for the plans and designs so as to start work on the new ship.
2. The Mathias Thesenwerft in Wismar was allegedly the only shipyard not dismissing personnel. The shipyard was ordered to begin forthwith the construction of the 8,000 - hp passenger ship on which the ZEK was working at full capacity at the time.

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